RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

March 20, 2017

PECFA Reimbursement Reminders

180 Days to Submit Claims

Claimants and consultants planning to seek reimbursement for costs incurred on PECFA-eligible projects are reminded that they have only 180 days from the day the expense was incurred to submit the claim to the Department. There is no extension on that deadline. If you hand-deliver a claim, please make sure to get a date stamp from the Department staff receiving the claim. In addition to the date it was hand delivered and date stamped, the Department will also consider the date of submittal to the Department to be the date it's emailed, faxed or postmarked.

IRS Form 1099

PECFA applicants and/or claimants will receive a Form 1099-G from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue each year they receive a reimbursement. However, they do not have to pay taxes on PECFA reimbursement money. Although a taxpayer is not required to disclose the fact that an amount is being excluded from income on their return, the Form 1099-G is provided to the IRS. Therefore, it is in the taxpayer's interest to include language on the return to explain the purpose of the reimbursement and how the amount is treated for tax purposes, making correspondence and/or invoices from the IRS less likely. Consultants and PECFA agents should provide this information to applicants/claimants.

Here's an example of an applicable disclosure statement: "In (year) I received payments from the Wisconsin PECFA fund in the amount of \$(amount). This payment is a reimbursement for costs incurred for environmental cleanup of gas/oil spill on my property. The \$(amount) is excludable under Internal Revenue Code Section 126."

Registration Ends Soon for Consultants' Day 2017 Events

Registration ends April 6 for the DNR's Consultants' Day 2017 events, hosted by the Remediation and Redevelopment Program. Seating is limited, so register soon.

The RR program will host these events at two locations this year: April 12 at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn Convention Center, and April 20 at the Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center in Pewaukee on April 20.

If you're an environmental consultant or lawyer, developer, or a local government official interested in the more technical aspects of contaminated land cleanup, you are encouraged to join us.

Here are some convenient links to much of the Consultants' Day 2017 information so far:

1. Dates and Locations

- April 12 Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center Stevens Point
- April 20 Country Inn Hotel & Conference Center Pewaukee

2. Registration

- Beginning this week \$70
- Last day to register April 6
- 3. Agenda and Topic Descriptions
- 4. Speaker Biographies
- 5. Continuing Education Hours
 - For Stevens Point event
 - For Pewaukee event

The same agenda will be presented at both conferences. Department management, project managers and other DNR staff will also be available to answer questions.

If you have questions about these programs, please contact <u>Mick Skwarok</u> via email or by phone at 608-266-9263.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Oshkosh, Stoughton Brownfields to Benefit from Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) Awards

Two Wisconsin communities will benefit from WAM awards to help investigate contamination at two former manufacturing properties, soon destined for new life.

In Oshkosh, the Housing Authority seeks to convert the former Waite Grass Rug Factory into new housing, parking, daycare and office space. In Stoughton, the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority wants to clean up the former Millfab Holley Moulding property, getting that site ready for redevelopment.

Read the full press release.

Upcoming ITRC Training

April 6 – Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers

April 18 – Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management

April 20 – Geospatial Analysis for Optimization at Environmental Sites